

Minutes for October 23rd Meeting

Present: Davison Bideshi, Gary Schmidt, Richard Hughey, Doug Huff, Bhavneet Walia, Minsun Doh, Samit Chakravorti, Emily Gorlewski

(1) Approval of minutes from September 25th meeting.

Samit moves, Doug seconds, unanimous approval

(2) Update to the letter regarding assessment instrument.

- Assessment instrument should be content base
- Assessment instrument can be any question type based on the discipline (multiple choice, essays, cases, etc)
- Assessment instrument needs to be standardized across sections of the same course offered in a semester and across semesters even if these are taught by different faculties. This is not only crucial for aggregating data from multiple sections in a semester and through several semesters by the department, but also for CIE in evaluating the same course through the years. Consistency of assessment instrument is key in evaluating courses. Faculties teaching the same course are advised to consult among themselves and with the chair to develop one instrument for every GI approved course.

We discussed this and Bhavneet is going to update the letter and send it out to the department chairs

(3) New course: History and Culture of South Africa, Faculty leader: Peter Cole.

- Comments

Samit's comments: syllabus does not include details on assignments such as reflection papers and journals. Samit says there is no reflection after they come back; there need to be details on the course meeting after they come back. The ways in which the course meets the goals and objectives also need to be clearer, and the goals and objectives need to be on the syllabus.

Samit moves to send it back to Dr. Cole for revisions, and Richard seconds. Everyone votes to do this.

(4) Update on FLGI requirement.

- a. Documents by Annette
- b. Discussion
- c. Does the council want to discuss this matter further?

Bhavneet will re-send historical documents; we talked about possibly proposing that the high-school foreign language option be taken off, and one foreign language course taken at WIU could fulfill the FL/GI requirement

(5) Update on Workshop for Global issues: Emily

Bhavneet will ask faculty for co-presenter for this workshop

(6) Nursing course presented to Senate on Tuesday October 22nd.

Bhavneet talked about the faculty senate meeting, where there was some confusion regarding study abroad courses being approved for GI. Departments have not understood that courses need to be re-submitted each time they are offered, even if they have been approved before. Bhavneet will discuss with Annette whether we can propose that the courses do not need to be re-proposed if they are going to the same location and offering the same course.